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THE STORY OF PUD.

True Tale of a Filly That Showed Her Affection Most Effectively.

She Played Hide and Seek - When Her Master Was Hurt She Called for Help and Licked His Face.

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to own horseflesh. to say, was practically unbounded.

barnyard, when the weather was not and she kept it without suggestion too severe, and was warmly housed from me. when storm or unusual cold came on.

After a bit she stopped and whinnied, but the second whistle was enough, and she made an air line to the tree. When she had found me, she insisted, by nosing about my pockets, on another lump of sugar. Fortunately I was able to supply her with the dainty, and she

Once I fell asleep myself in the shade of an elm and slept longer than Pud liked to have me, and then she did not hesitate to waken me exactly as a pet dog would have done, by licking my face. When I awoke she seemed delighted, and gave me a fine exhibition

of her running and jumping powers. When Pud was four and I was 16, fathomless. Its women's daily task of it was decided that she should be broken in. My uncle was in favor of "Pud" was the first piece of horse- putting her in charge of a disciple of

flesh I ever owned, and, I am sorry to Prof. Rarey, whose formula, "first say, the last, also. My life since part- fear, then love, then obedience," is so ing with her has been cast in city familiar to most horsemen. To this ways, where only the rich can afford programme I would not consent, for I had seen the Rarevizing of horses and Pud was given to me when she was knew that it included much use of the only a "ye'rlin," and I was 13. I thought whip, the throwing of the poor brute then, as I think now, that no more beau- after it had been rendered helpless by tiful filly ever stood on four feet. I did a complicated rope harness, and so on. not know then, as I did later, that she | Finally I got my uncle's permission to was made my property simply because break Pud to the saddle myself. I was log of wood just fitting between the her owner, my uncle, thought she would to go to an academy or preparatory never become much more than a pony school at the county seat, some six in size, and that consequently she could | miles away from home, that winter, and never be of much use on the farm; but was to ride Pud between the farm and when I found this out it only increased the school. I succeeded perfectly in my regard for the pretty little beast. training her to carry me on her back, Before she was old enough to be of any though it is hardly correct to say I tightly around one of the rollers and real service she had won as firm a "broke" her. She really needed no place in my affections as any animal breaking, as I knew in advance. I had outside. Then, lifting one end of the could possibly hold, while her attach- often ridden her bareback around the ment for her young owner, I am proud pasture without bridle or even halter, and she soon got used to the saddle During all her early years she lived and girth under my tuition. All that the freest sort of life. In the warm | winter she carried me faithfully to and weather she roamed at will over the from school, and after the journey had knolly expanse of the "30-acre pasture" been made two or three times, no guidon my uncle's farm; in the winter ing pressure whatever was needed on

As she grew older her beauty in- middle states that there was a good lished in rural Slavonia.

SHE WHINNIED FOR HELP.

sence of evil, for she could not bear to the most charming fashion. have him near her, and on the only oc- It was in early spring, and there was casion that he ventured to disregard a bit of ice at a sharp turn in the road, her evident dislike she placed the im- which had been covered with mud and print of two clean and dainty hoofs squarely on his chest. After that everyone avoided Pud's heels, and her general that morning, and Pud was running reputation was bad.

But to me she was all gentleness. Possibly this was partly because I never failed to furnish her with an apple, Jamp of sugar or a "nubbin' o' corn' when I visited her, in pasture, farmyard or stable. In time she came to know my whistle so well that she would come from as far away as I could make her hear the call, even if she had to jump a six-rail fence to reach me.

Sometimes, in the long summer vacation, I would pass hours with her in the 30-acre pasture, and then she would follow me about wherever I went. I was rather an indolent boy. I'm safraid, and I liked to spend my time reading Dickens and Thackery and Eggleston under the shade by the brook in the big pasture, to the great despair of my uncle. My readings were often varied by desultory and untrained attempts to make free-hand sketches of my pet filly and the graceful elms that dotted the feeding ground of my uncle's stock, and when I was reading or sketching there, Pud was always near. Sometimes she would feed quietly for a half hour, and then stretch her muscles and amuse me hugely by kicking up her heels and racing in a circle around me. Bometimes after a refreshing bit of exereise like this, she would lie down near by for a quiet sleep. Once, when she was sleeping, I slipped silently away to a distant part of the field, where I hig behind a tree and whistled for her to come. At the first note, almost, she to, a horse jockey. I never knew her opened her eyes, pricked up her ears, ultimate fate. and came bounding in my direction.

ereased. She was of a dark, deep | deal of snow every winter, and the brown color, and her fine coat glistened | reads drifted full in some places. Pud in the sunshine even without grooming. proved to be an excellent snow climber Her chest was full, her neck arched, when there were drifts, and when they her head small, her eyes wide apart grew too deep to go through and were and her ears small and sensitive. Her too soft to go over she would jump legs were trim and clean-jointed, and any ordinary fence and make a deher hoofs pointed straight to the front. tour round the drifted place through Her temper, as revealed to me, was fine the fields. Only once did we meet with and even; to old Simeon, my uncle's an accident, and then the pretty filly "yearly hand," she seemed the very es- showed her affection for her rider in

so was not apparent to the eye. We were a little late in getting to school with quick, joyous leaps and making great time. I was sitting easily with my hand on the pommel of the saddle and the reins hanging loose, when her feet, which were not sharp shod for icy roads, struck the mud concealing the little stretch of hard-frozen water. Quick as a flash all four feet went from under her and she came down on her side. I remained in the saddle, but my left leg was caught under the filly. She slid prostrate some six or eight feet, carrying me with her. Fortunately, I had slipped my feet from the stirrups as we fell, and when she picked herself up I was disentangled, though badly

bruised and quite unconscious. When I came to she was licking my face, as she had once before, and the passing farmer who helped me to my feet said she had alternated her caresses with loud whinnying, as if to call for help.

It was only a little later that my incle suddenly sickened and died, and his big farm and all the stock thereon. including Pud, had to be sold in settlement of his business, while I had to give up my dream of preparing for colege and set out for the city to seek ome sort of clerical work by which to

earn my own living. Poor Pud was sold to a country outcher for a mere song and harnessed between the shafts of a meat cart. Her fine nature rebelled against her occupation; she turned balky and was called vicious, and the butcher "swapped" her

CHARLES APPLEBEE.

SLAVONIAN LAUNDERING hangle a Clumsy Log Propelled by

Frail Women. There was once a girl who, as an old song put it, "sold her old mangle and bought a pianner," but she lived in England, not in the southeastern part of had no occasion to lose faith in her Europe, so it is probable that her mangle was less primitive than the queer instruments of torture still in use by the women of Slavonia and Servia and its operation a less heavy task.

Slavonia is in Austria, or rather in the extreme south of Hungary, but nearly all its people are Servian. Its plains stretch for miles in an endless expanse of perfectly flat country. Its mud is scouring and fighting against the dirt that the "men folks" bring in from outof-doors on their shoes is never done. Between times there is the mangle.

This is a stout plank about seven feet long, raised to a height of two feet upon rough-hewn logs. The middle of the plank is gripped by a framework rising from the floor to a height of five feet, with three great beams running across it, the whole fastened together with pegs. Upon the plank are laid two rollers and on these rests a half sides of the frame. This weight is smooth on its under surface, roughhewn above and is provided at each end with three pegs which serve as handles.

The ironer, when ready to begin, takes a sheet, for instance, winds it puts an old ironing cloth around the log and placing the roller under it, she works the weight to and fro until all the wrinkles are presumably smoothed away. Then the sheet is removed, folded and put away and the next "ironing" -perhaps another sheet or three or four towels, or half a dozen handkerchiefs-substituted. The second roller she had the run of the straw-stacked the bit. She knew the road as well as I. acts merely to balance the log, although two ironers can work the machine, one at each end. As for "starched things," We lived so far north in one of the they are another story-not yet pub-

The woman who irons is as picturesque as her tools when she wears her Slavonian peasant costume. Her shoes are flat and heelless; she has no stockings, but winds linen about her ankles and binds it in place with thongs, leaving a space of two inches or so bare below the edge of her kilted skirt of coarse, undyed linen. Her yellow sheepskin jacket is ornamented with patches of red and purple leather, quilted on with bright yarns, and her head is covered with a gaudy kerchief. Almost as often, however, she is stripped of her finery, except on Sundays, and wears at her work clothing of western Europe's unattractive worka-day pattern.-Rock Island Union.

PICTURESQUE AND LIVELY.

Buda-Pesth Still Like a Fortified City the Middle Ages.

Buda-Pesth, as everybody knows, is formed of two cities, separated by the Danube, and joined together like New York and Brooklyn by great bridges. Buda is a city hundreds of years old, and rises on a great hill covered with yellow houses with red-tiled roofs, and surmounted by fortresses and ancient German-looking eastles, and the palace of the king, with terraces of marble and green gardens running down to meet the river. It still is a picturesque, fortified city of the middle ages.

Pesth, just across the way, is the most modern city in Europe; more modern than Paris, better paved and better lighted; with better facilities for rapid transit than New York, and with houses of parliament as massive and impressive as those on the banks of the Thames, and not unlike them in appearance. Pesth is the Yankee city of the old world, just as the Hungarians are called the Americans of Europe. It has grown in 40 years, and it has sacrificed neither beauty of space nor line in growing. It has magnificent public gardens, as well as a complete fire department; it has the best club in the world, the Park club; and it has found time to put electric tramways under ground and to way is wanted in Catania, seaport of rear monuments to poets, orators and | 120,000 people, at the foot of Mount patriots above ground. People in Ber- Etna. Catania has no street railways, lin and Vienna tell you that some day all of these things will disappear and go to pieces, that Pesth is enjoying a "boom," and that the boom will pass plants and the car tracks, with no ness, would be a source of revenue to a 50 cent Probate of Will, imperforate....\$125 wheels go round. I do not know whether this is, or is not, to be, but let us hope it is only the envy and uncharitableness of the Austrian and German mind that ees nothing in progress but disaster, and makes advancement spell ruin. People who live in a city where one is asked to show his passport, a certificate of good health, a police permit and a residence card in order to be allowed to mount a bicycle, as I was asked to do in Berlin, can hardly be expected to look with favor on their restless, ambitious young neighbors of the Balkans .-Scribners.

Why She Didn't.

They were discussing the robbery of an adjoining flat.

"I saw the robber myself," said the

one in gray.

dark brown. "Yes. I saw him from my window rummaging around in the dining-room

while Mrs. Blifkins was busy in the front of the house." "Was there no way that you could

notify her?" called her attention to it, I suppose, but I couldn't exactly bring myself to do it. Press. You see, I called last and it's her turn to call on me."-Chicago Post.

Declined with Thanks. He-Do you think marriages are made

She-Well, I don't know: but I guess yours will have to be if you ever get

People who saw him one minute later thought that he was trying to catch a train.-Cleveland Leader.

OLD EDINBURGH.

The Scotch City at the Close of the Last Century.

The Edinburgh of the early years of George III. was very different from the prim, regular spic-and-span, reputable city of to-day. It was still mainly hemmed within the Flodden wall, hastily thrown up after the defeat as a defense against English invasion. Thus, it consisted of High street on the steep ridge to the Castle rock; of the Cowgate in the hollow to the south; of the narrow and tortuous wynds and vennels running up to High street on one side, and on the other down to the edge of the Nor' Loch; of the Grass market; and, beyond the ancient limit, of the Canongate, which continues the main thoroughfare down to Holyrood. Some 6,000 indwellers were squeezed into these narrow (one by one and a quarter miles) limits.

The town grew upward, not outward. The houses were high "lands," from six to ten stories high, where poor folk huddled at the top, while the wealthier citizens dwelt below .. Scarcely a room in the city but held its open or concealed bed. Sanitary arrangements were conspicuous, even for that era, by their primitive rudeness. Water was scarce, and was laboriously carried up those endless stairs on the backs of caddies, as the curious and distinctive class of water bearers (though the title was not theirs alone) was called. But slops, house refuse, filthy bits of all sorts, were hurled on the street. "Gardy-loo" (a corruption, the learned affirm, of Gare a leau!), velled the housewife into the night as she stood at her lattice high, the odoriferous bucket poised in her hand. And, when that voice from the clouds smote the his lagging steps! "Haud your han, guidwife, till I win by," was his piteous entreaty. All too often the splash "froze his swift speech with sorrow and amaze," and he needs must stagger onward, an unsavory admonition of the need for wary walking. The streets were horribly unclean.

They were scavengered by pigs unharried save by frolicsome children, who, mounting their backs, drove them hither and thither despite their shrill protestings. The stranger scoffed, but the citizen was unmoved. "The clartier the cosier" was an apothegm oft in his mouth. A sagacious burgher permanently enriched his lands by carting thereto a quantity of street scourings. so potent was the compost. The upper stories of the houses overlapped, and, as the closes at the bottom were far from being broad, aloft the opposing mansions almost touched; thus the rooms were imperfectly lighted, and a continuous twilight mantled the universal disarray.

The ways of life were simple. Two o'clock was the favorite dinner hour, Supper, the great social meal, was often taken out of doors. The tayern was the sole meeting place. In the tavern business was done by day. Nearly everybody drank too much, washed too little, swore horribly and lived roughly. And some made long prayers which changed their habit no whit. Despite it all, Old Edinburgh was an amusing place. Life was anything but dull; everybody knew everybody else; there was much goodfellowship; there were the best of claret, the best of talk, and the best of stories. The pathetic and heroic memories of the place, its superb position and surroundings, kindled the imagination. There was an old and famous aristocracy, whose very names were instinct with romance. Moreover, there was high breeding, there was learning, there was genius; for in that strange city, during the second half of last century, lived men who have profoundly influenced the thought and literature of the world.-New Re-

EUROPE'S ELECTRIC CARS.

Mileage of 560 in 1895 is Increasing-

Chance for Americans. Money and material for a street railusing backs instead. The suburban town of Ognina, where, in spring, suntmer and fall, many of Catania's inhabitants spend a few months in cottages, ing. One is to interest Belgian capitalists-which would mean Belgian material. The other is proposed by a milling firm, which would use the 250 waste horse power of their mill to generate electricity. This firm would buy dynamos, wires, poles, rails and ten cars to start with. American bids would | 5 cent Black and Green, proprietary, '5 cents be received upon equal footing with the

Electric railways are gaining ground in Europe, though not as fast as in the United States. Yet these figures appear absurdly small. In all Europe the total electric railway mileage in 1825the latest obtainable statistics-was only 500 miles, an increase of 125 miles over 1894, and an increase in the numher of lines from 70 to 111. Germany has 252 miles, France 82, Great Britain and Ireland 66, Austria-Hungary 44, "You saw him!" exclaimed the one in | Switzerland 47, Italy 24, and other coun-

tries from six miles down. Of the 111 lines, 91 are worked on the overhead surface system, 12 on the underground system, and eight by means of accumulators. Hamburg and Leip sic have their electric railway systems nearly completed, and Berlin is about "Ye-es, I might have run over and to give up the horse tramway and omnibus service for electric ears.-N. Y

Hard on Dudley.

Nellie Chaffie-Why, Mr. Canesucker what has caused the change in your ap pearance?

Dudley Canesneker-I pwesume it's my glawces, doncher know. I've begun

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